

II. REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These Remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2004. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims.

Claims 1-56 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. The Office Action rejected claims 1-56. The present response contains no amendments, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1-56. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

1. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-10, 14-20, 22-27, 31, 33, 36-42, 45, and 48-53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ingram (U.S. Publication 2002/0052890 A1; hereafter, "Ingram") in view of Schilit (U.S. Patent 6,279,014; hereafter, "*Schilit*"). It is respectfully submitted that the references cited in the Office Action, including Ingram and *Schilit*, either singly or in combination, fail to disclose all of the limitations of claims 1, 39, and 51. Claims 11-13 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ingram and *Schilit*, and further in view of Sundaresan (U.S. Patent 6,651,058; hereafter, "*Sundaresan*"). Claim 32 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ingram and *Schilit*, and further in view of Stern (U.S. Patent 6,572,661; hereafter, "*Stern*"). Claims 28, 30, 34-35, 43-44, 46-47, 54-55, and 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ingram and *Schilit*, and further in view of Bays (U.S. Publication 2003/0018632 A1; hereafter, "Bays"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections. Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ingram, *Schilit*, and Bays, and further in view of *Stern*.

Independent claims 1, 39, and 51 were rejected as unpatentable over Ingram in view of *Schilit*. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections. Ingram discloses an enhanced hyperlink and method for providing an enhanced hyperlink. Ingram further discloses that the invention permits the user to interact with a hyperlink in a variety of ways without necessarily having to open and/or follow the hyperlink. Ingram discloses bookmark functionality, in which links are

saved on a screen rather than in a document. *Schilit* discloses a document organizing system that extracts annotations made to a document along with the context surrounding each annotation and that organizes the annotations based upon the annotation attributes and/or context. The current claims, by contrast, disclose a system, apparatus, and article of manufacture for detecting a reader's interest in a particular external document through their markings and annotations, and processing the marks in various ways. The current claims further disclose that by detecting anchors proximal to annotations made by a reader, a collection of the annotated anchors and the related documents may be organized and generated for a reader to process according to their desires. Neither Ingram nor *Schilit*, considered alone or in combination, contain these disclosures.

Claim 1 discloses a system for detecting an annotated anchor in a document, comprising a first code for locating an annotation in the document, and a second code for detecting, proximate to or within the annotation, the presence of an anchor. Claim 39 discloses a method for detecting and processing a plurality of annotated anchors in a plurality of documents, comprising the steps of: (a) locating an annotation in a document; (b) detecting, proximate to or within the annotation, the presence of an anchor; (c) processing the annotated anchor; and (d) repeating steps (a)–(c) for each annotation in the plurality of documents. The references cited in the Office Action, including Ingram, *Schilit*, *Sundaresan*, *Stern*, and Bays, either singly or in combination, fail to disclose all of the limitations of claims 1 and 39. Neither Ingram nor *Schilit*, considered alone or in combination, discloses (as disclosed in claim 39 of the current claims) the detection of the presence of an anchor in a document, let alone the detection of the presence of an anchor proximate to or within an annotation in a document. Claims 40–50 each ultimately depend from independent claim 39 and are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims and because of the additional limitations of these claims. Similarly, neither Ingram nor *Schilit*, considered alone or in combination, discloses (as disclosed in claim 1 of the current claims) a second code for detecting the presence of an anchor in a document, let alone a second code for detecting the presence of an anchor proximate to or within an annotation in a document. Claims 2–38 each

ultimately depend from independent claim 1 and are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims and because of the additional limitations of these claims.

The Office Action notes (p. 4, 2nd paragraph) that claim 51 is rejected on the same basis as claim 1. Since the Office Action applies reasoning to support the rejection of claims 51 that is stated to be the same as the reasons for rejecting claim 1, with no further discussion provided, Applicants respond by incorporating by reference the responses given above with regard to claim 1. The references cited in the Office Action, including Ingram, *Schilit*, *Sundaresan*, *Stern*, and Bays, either singly or in combination, fail to disclose all of the limitations of claim 51. Claims 52-56 each ultimately depend from independent claim 51 and are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims and because of the additional limitations of these claims.

Accordingly, claims 1-56 are believed patentable over the cited references and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

The references cited by the Examiner but not relied upon have been reviewed, but are not believed to render the claims unpatentable, either singly or in combination.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of the patent.

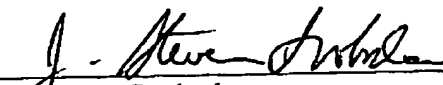
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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